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Melvin Malone, Director Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243-0505

Re:

Gasco Distribution Systems Actual Adjustment (ACA) Audit

Docket No. 00-00998

Dear Director Malone:

The parties to this proceeding submit for your consideration a proposed settlement in the above-captioned show cause proceeding. If you have any questions about the settlement or why the parties believe that the settlement is an appropriate resolution of this matter, the parties are available to address those issues. If you approve the settlement, the parties offer to submit a proposed Initial Order so stating.

Very truly yours,

Bv:

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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE: GASCO DISTRIBUTION)
SYSTEMS ACTUAL ADJUSTMENT)
(ACA) AUDIT) DOCKET NO. 00-00998
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PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The purpose of this document is to memorialize a proposed settlement among the parties to the above-captioned show cause proceeding.

The parties agree that Gasco Distribution Systems, Inc. ("Gasco") failed to timely implement an ACA price reduction as required by the Authority's rules. Because of Gasco's history of similar violations, the Staff and the Consumer Advocate Division of the Attorney General's office have requested --- and Gasco has agreed to pay --- a fine of \$10,000 subject to the following conditions. Of that amount, \$5,000 of the fine is due and payable between December 31, 2001 and March 31, 2002. The remaining \$5,000 of the fine would be suspended pending Gasco's continuing compliance with all TRA rules and orders for a probationary period of three years, beginning July 1, 2001, and continuing until July 1, 2004. The suspended fine would become immediately due and payable in the event of any subsequent instance of noncompliance. The \$5,000 suspended fine will be forgiven upon demonstration of full compliance throughout the entire probationary period.

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